



## News & Updates

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### Opportunity to Get Involved with the Law Society

Take part in the dynamic and crucial work of the Law Society as we strive to regulate the practice of law and uphold the public interest. Your voice matters, and your contribution is invaluable.

We're currently seeking expressions of interest for the following opportunity:

#### The Law Society's Disciplinary Panel

- Review the Terms of Reference for the Disciplinary Panel [here](#)
- Mandatory adjudicator training will be provided for members of the Disciplinary Panel. Find further details in a message from the Chair of the Disciplinary Panel, David Eaton, KC, available [here](#)

To express your interest, **please send your resume or a synopsis of your qualifications** to Erin Rowe at [erowe@lsnl.ca](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca) **no later than 22 May 2024.**

Join us in serving the public interest and shaping the future of our legal profession.

The Law Society's Annual Dinner and Cocktail Reception will be held on the evening of Friday, 7 June 2024, at the Emera Innovation Exchange.

Cost: \$100.00 per person (\$86.95 + \$13.05 HST)

Cash Bar: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Dress: Business Suit, Semi-Formal

Register for this event promptly to guarantee your spot, as seats are filling up quickly. For more information or to RSVP, please [click here](#).

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### Law Library Orientation 2024 for Summer Students and New Members

As you may know, we are organizing orientation sessions for summer students and new members at the Law Library. Whether you prefer an in-person tour or a virtual session via Zoom, both options are available. For those attending in-person sessions, please note that the tour covers both floors of the Law Library, with an elevator available for anyone requiring accommodation.

To schedule your orientation, kindly provide the following details to Jenny Thornhill, Law Librarian, at [jthornhill@lsnl.ca](mailto:jthornhill@lsnl.ca):

1. Preferred Date and Time Slot
2. Firm Name
3. Name of Each Student/New Member (include email and year at law school/Call to Bar)
4. Total Number of Attendees

If none of these times suit your schedule, please reach out to [Jenny Thornhill](#) to explore alternative arrangements. Virtual tours are available upon request for those unable to attend in person. Students attending the Bar Course orientations this summer will receive library orientation as part of that program.

For more information or to book an orientation, please [click here](#).



Our [practice resources](#) offer valuable insights regarding the complexities of law practice management. Created to help lawyers navigate the requirements and obligations outlined in the *Law Society Act, 1999*, Law Society Rules, and Code of Professional

Conduct, they serve as supportive tools. While not exhaustive, they provide valuable insights.

Please remember that every practice management question should be considered within your unique context, and professional judgment is very important.

### Reading Suggestions for Practice Management

LAW OFFICE ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

## Disciplinary Matters

Through the disciplinary process, the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador reviews and assesses the professional conduct of its members. These assessments are made based on ethical standards outlined in the [Law Society Act, 1999](#), along with the [Law Society Rules](#) and the [Code of Professional Conduct](#).

DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS

HEARINGS

COUNSELS & CAUTIONS



### Not So Risky Business Blog by CLIA

The [Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association \(CLIA\) Not So Risky Business Blog](#) aims to assist legal professionals in practice management, error avoidance, and gaining a deeper insight into insurance coverage requirements. Every Wednesday, CLIA's blog will cover informative topics such as loss prevention tips, fraud alerts, cyber awareness, wellness, and more.

You can also [subscribe to receive notifications of new posts directly to your inbox](#).

### Recent Articles

- [Thinking About Excess Cyber Coverage?](#)

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## Federation of Law Societies of Canada Statement on Bill 21 – Legal Professions Act

The [Federation of Law Societies of Canada](#), representing the national association of 14 law societies mandated to regulate Canada’s legal profession in the public interest, has expressed [concerns](#) regarding the future of independent lawyer regulation in British Columbia following the tabling of Bill 21 – Legal Professions Act by the Government of British Columbia. Preliminary examination of the proposed legislation reveals shared concerns with the Law Society of British Columbia that the creation of a single regulator for lawyers, notaries public, and regulated paralegals may compromise the independence of legal professions and their regulation, contravening core democratic principles.

The proposed regulatory reform carries significant national implications, prompting the Federation to consult with its members for a possible further response to the Bill. For more information please [click here](#).



## International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia - May 17

The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia recognizes the violence and discrimination experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex people, and all other individuals with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities, or expressions, and sex characteristics.

This year’s theme, *no one left behind: equality, freedom and justice for all*, is a call for unity; only through solidarity for each other will we create a world without injustice, where no one is left behind.

Today is an opportunity to celebrate diversity and work toward equal rights and choices for all individuals.

[READ MORE](#)

## Unveiling Insight into Canadian Self-Represented Litigant Experiences with Virtual Hearings

A new report, *Virtual Justice: A complex portrait of Canadian self-represented litigant experiences with virtual hearings*, has been released by the [National Self-Represented Litigants Project](#). This research, conducted through surveys and focus groups, captures insights from a diverse spectrum of self-represented litigants (SRLs) across various legal jurisdictions and case types, shedding light on their encounters with virtual hearings.

Delving deep into the demographics and contextual factors shaping these encounters, the report meticulously analyzes the findings, providing invaluable insights to improve virtual processes, especially for vulnerable stakeholders. To read the full report, please [click here](#).



## Nominations for Canada's Volunteer Awards

Canada's Volunteer Awards is an opportunity to recognize the significant contributions of an outstanding individual, not-for-profit organization, social enterprise, or socially responsible business who has worked to improve the lives of others in their community through volunteering.

Canada's Volunteer Awards is also recruiting Regional Reviewers to help assess the nominations of volunteers. If you wish to apply, [click here](#).

For more information or to submit a nomination before the deadline on 12 June 2024, [click here](#).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador website has an events section with updated CPD opportunities, events, conferences, and more.

## Upcoming Events

- Financial Violence Among Intimate Partners by FFTNL - *May 16*
- Open Doors at Justice 2024 by the Department of Justice Canada - *May 30*
- Trauma-Informed Lawyering by the Journey Project - *June 14*
- Current Issues in Social Media and Copyright Law 2024 by the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia - *June 17*
- Screening - Best Practices for Identifying and Managing Power Imbalances and Family Violence by MDW Mediation - *June 19*
- Summary Trials 2024 by the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia - *June 25*
- Animals and the Law 2024 by the Law Society of Ontario - *July 3*
- Stress Management for Legal Professionals by the Law Society of Ontario - *July 4*
- 2024 National Criminal Law Program by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada - *July 8*
- National Family Law Program by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada - *July 22*
- Family Mediation - Theory, Skills, and Practice by MDW Mediation - *September 19*

[VIEW ALL EVENTS](#)

Did you know that the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador website has a News section with updated information on job opportunities, professional development, notices, and more? Visit our website today to check out some of the great online resources available.



## Current Opportunities

- Crown Attorney - Public Prosecution Service (NS)
- Construction Adjudicators – Government Of Canada
- Solicitor - Nova Scotia Department of Justice

- Board Member - Employment Insurance Board of Appeal
- Executive Assistant - Nova Scotia Public Service Commission
- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice (SK)
- Complaints and Discipline Coordinator - Newfoundland & Labrador Pharmacy Board
- General Counsel - Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia
- Associate Litigation Lawyer - Stewart McKelvey

[VIEW ALL OPPORTUNITIES](#)

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### Search for a Will

Members are reminded that they may only disclose the contents of a will where authorized to do so. By sending this search for a will, the Law Society is not in any way authorizing disclosure to the individual initiating the request. Members must assess whether that individual is entitled to review or know the contents of the will.

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#### John Bruckmuller

Born June 18, 1931; died April 11, 2024.

Last place of residence was Weybridge.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Russell Bowers at (709) 327-7025.

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### VISIT US



This is a mandatory communication.